

Arlington Heights Proclamation
North American Occupational Safety & Health Week
May 3 – 9, 2009
&
Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day
May 6, 2009

WHEREAS, every year more than 6000 people die from job-related injuries, never returning home from work, and 4.4 million more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses each year in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs associated with occupational injuries, health care and illnesses – costs that take away from company profits; and

WHEREAS, every day millions of people go to and return home from work safely due, in part, to the efforts of occupational safety, health and environmental practitioners – who work day in and day out identifying hazards and implementing safety and health advances in all industries and at all workplaces, aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses; and

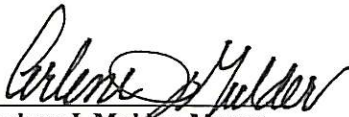
WHEREAS, it has been found that incorporating safety as a core value in a corporation not only increases workplace safety, but leads to major cost savings, projects being completed early and often under budget, quality products, and much more; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 3 – 9, 2009 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH), American Society of Safety Engineers members and corporate/association partners will mobilize countrywide in an effort to increase employers', employees' and the public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety and health to workers returning home injury and illness free each day to their families; to raise the awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals; encouraging safe practices; and

WHEREAS, the theme of NAOSH Week 2009 is "Safety Means Always Coming Home"; 5,488 workers lost their lives from on-the-job injuries in 2007 in the U.S. and never returned home; we want that number to be 0; and

WHEREAS, on May 6 occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized during the fourth annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day for the work they do to keep people safe at work, building an effective safety culture at their company, preserving a company's good reputation and employee pride;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arlene J. Mulder, Mayor of the Village of Arlington Heights, along with the Arlington Heights Village Board, do hereby proclaim May 3 – 9, 2009 to be North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) and May 6, 2009 to be Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day. We encourage all industries, organizations, community leaders, employers, and employees to join with the American Society of Safety Engineers to support activities aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of preventing illness, injury, and death in the workplace and to recognize the commitment of occupational safety and health professionals in their ongoing work to protect people, property and the environment on May 6, 2009 for the annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day.


Arlene J. Mulder, Mayor

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